latter purpose its astringency might, in some instances, make it well suited. The roots and seeds of the Nymphæa lotus were used by the ancient Egyptians as bread.

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PLATE LV.

Fig. 1. *Leaf and flower of Nymphæa odorata.*
Fig. 2. *Different stamens from the same flower.*
Fig. 3. *Stigma.*
Fig. 4. *Section of the germ.*
Fig. 5. *A cell of the germ magnified.*
Fig. 6. *Section of the scape.*
Fig. 7. *Section of petiole.*